

### **Summary of the Examiner Teleconference**

Initially, Applicants' representative wishes to thank Examiner Poon for his time on August 18, 2001 the content of which is summarized below.

On July 13, 2001, in response to Examiner Poon's request, Applicants faxed page 9 of the Preliminary Amendment of October 16, 2000. The Examiner indicated that this page was omitted and needed to be filed to complete the response. However, in a later call by Applicants representative on August 17, 2001, it was understood that the fax of July 13, 2001 was not a proper response, and that the omitted page must be officially filed to be a proper response. This Supplemental Amendment responds to the Examiner's request. Applicants understanding is that this page was necessary for the Examiner to review since it contained parts of two claims, so that he can analyze Applicants remarks in their May 3, 2001 request for Reconsideration in light of all claims filed in the October 16, 2000 Preliminary Amendment.

### **Conclusion**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of allowance is requested.

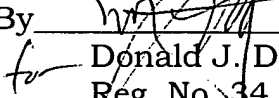
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Matthew J. Lattig (Reg. No. 45,274) at the telephone number of

the undersigned below in order to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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side by side fashion on the display device for comparison and selection by a user, each of said sample images having different characteristics and being transmitted from said image server, for displaying the plurality of sample images on said display device on the basis of the received image display data, and for determining characteristics relating to the image selected from the displayed sample images; and

an image characteristics data transmission device transmitting data representing the determined image characteristics to said image server.

18. (Twice Amended) In an image communication system in which an image server and an image data receiver having a display device are capable of communicating with each other, an image communication method comprising:

transmitting image display data for displaying a plurality of sample images in side by side fashion on the display device for comparison and selection by a user, each of said sample images having different characteristics, said image display data being transmitted from said image server to said image data receiver;

receiving said transmitted image display in said image data receiver;